

### Notes of a Naturalist

By Don Admiral,

Zion National Park, Utah: Zion Canyon is a stream-worn valley cut to great depth in the Navajo sandstone. The Canyon walls for a height of about twenty-five hundred feet are red with a capping of about five hundred feet of white sandstone. The contrast is pleasing and effective. Walls for the most part are nearly perpendicular and the canyon almost as wide at the top as at the bottom. In the canyon walls are many perched valleys, that is they enter the main canyon at a height of many hundreds of feet above the floor of the main valley. On the rim may be seen a fringe of pine trees.

We were fortunate in seeing Zion Canyon during the moonlight nights when the lights and shadows played upon the canyon walls. If you will recall color is not generally distinguishable in moonlight, rather just the contrast of lights and shadows, but there a most remarkable effect is created as the colors of the red and white sandstone cliffs create a color effect not possible under other conditions.

Naming of places such as mountains and cliffs seem to have avoided following closely those of the Yosemite which this valley resembles except for coloring and in its origin. Yosemite, as you will recall, is a glaciated valley, but while Zion Canyon is similarly shaped it has never been glaciated and is entirely the work of the Virgin River which flows through it. This close resemblance to the Yosemite and its great perpendicular cliffs is due to the resistant character of the Navajo sandstone which weather little at the top. The river, undercutting the great cliffs, causes the breaking off of slabs of sandstone thus leaving the perpendicular and over-hanging cliffs.

Among the bordering mountains is one called Lady Mountain. It is the first time that I have heard of such a name applied to a mountain. Somehow it seems not quite fitting as it sets up a train of thought that immediately leads to Man Mountain, which leads to recollections of a huge, rough and tumble wrestler who was anything but feminine. I have not inquired into the origin of the (Continued on last page)

### \$110,000 DAMAGE SUIT BLAMES CANYON DYKE

Suit for \$110,000 damages, growing out of a cloudburst at Palm Springs last February, is on file in the Superior court at Riverside.

The construction of a dyke by the defendants in the action is alleged to have caused damage to property owned by Pearl M. McManus, plaintiff, to the amount specified.

Water is said to have been diverted by the dyke down Palm Canyon so that it flowed over the McManus property, damaging it to such an extent that it is unfit for sale, the complaint reads.

Defendants named in the suit are H. W. Otis, Charles F. Doyle, Fred S. Markham, the Mardo corporation and five John Does.

Damage to the property is placed at \$100,000 while \$10,000 punitive damages is asked. A. H. Winder is counsel for the plaintiff.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC CARLOADINGS SET RECORD

The Southern Pacific Co reported today it set a new carloadings record last week for the recovery period. Loadings were 31,234 cars—the largest number for any week since the 38,496 loaded in the week of Sept. 27, 1930.

The company hauled 44,055 cars, including those received from connecting lines. Loadings were up 5 per cent over the preceding week, and total handled up 6 per cent.

Comparison with the 1936 week was affected by the July 4 holiday last year, which cut loadings to 24,539 cars and the total hauled to 32,330.

## H. S. Board Will Not Buy Bus Now

At the first regular meeting of the new high school board Tuesday evening, the board decided not to purchase a school bus at this time. Two special meetings had been called by the old board, on June 25 and 29, for the purpose of considering the purchasing of a \$7,000 school bus, but there was not a quorum of board members present at either meeting, so no action could be taken.

The board employed Mrs. Lola Keller, Tuesday evening, to be the secretary of Superintendent W. C. Gunnerson. Mrs. Keller will take a three weeks intensive course in shorthand immediately in Los Angeles. She is a very efficient shorthand reporter and stenographer, it is said, but decided to take additional training in order to better fit herself for the position. For some years she taught in the public schools of Salt Lake City.

Superintendent Gunnerson was given a three weeks' leave of absence. All members of the board were present. John W. Williams, new board member, left yesterday with his family for a vacation trip to Lake Tahoe. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., August 4.

## Telephone Co. Installs New Equipment

The large box-like contraptions with coils on top, placed at half-mile intervals along the highway between San Bernardino and Whitewater, have excited considerable curiosity and many questions have been asked regarding these. What are they?

They are commonly known as telephone and radio boosters.

Manager Ed Fisher of the telephone company answered the question yesterday when asked by a reporter from this newspaper. The boxes are made of steel, well insulated, and contain "Pupin Coils," more commonly known as "loading coils," and are placed in the manholes, 6,000 feet apart, and connected with the underground long-distance telephone wires. More than a hundred of these coil boxes are being placed between Los Angeles and Whitewater, by a crew of 10 men.

The reason for the coils is to improve radio broadcasting transmission. Each manhole along the telephone line now contains one of these coil boxes, and the second set of greatly improved coils is being installed to still further improve radio broadcasting. The function of the coils is to keep the high and low sound waves in line, preventing one from lagging behind, which often occurs in orchestra music where there are high and low-pitched instruments. The same applies to mixed choruses. It is said the cost of installing the coils is tremendous.

L. T. Graner, in charge of installing the boosters, originally laid out the underground line, which consists of vitrified clay conduits with spaces for six huge lead-covered cables, each cable containing many wires. He said the manholes are from 500 to 700 feet apart all along the underground line. When these boosters have been installed, a third set will be put in at 3000-foot intervals, because of the rapid growth of telephone business through here. Much of the demand is for radio broadcasting, but commercial long distance telephone requires much of the equipment. The Whitewater station is said to be one of the most completely equipped plants of its kind in the nation. The installations are being made by the Southern California Telephone Company, and the boosters are from the Westinghouse factory.

### ASSESSED VALUATION AT PALM SPRINGS JUMPS \$2,000,000

How Palm Springs has grown was reflected in an announcement today by County Assessor Claytor that the assessed valuation of the village has increased \$2,000,000 in the last year. The total value of the resort town will be second only to that of Riverside in this county, Mr. Claytor said. Hundreds of new homes and business properties have been constructed at Palm Springs in the last year.

Assessed valuation of Palm Springs approaches the ten million dollar mark.

## Big Road Program This Fall

The greatest road improvement program ever undertaken in this area will be underway soon and will be in full progress during early fall on the local Indian reservation.

A wild guess by a reporter of this newspaper is that approximately 45 miles of roads are to be surfaced with desert oil mix, most of the work to be done by the Indian Bureau, the W. P. A. and Riverside county. The program includes a paved road to Palm Canyon with laterals to Andreas and Murray Canyon, and paving of roads on section lines completely surrounding Indian Sections 2, 6, 12, 14, 18, 24, (the latter alone comprising 24 miles of road) which will automatically surround the alternate sections privately owned, being Sections 1, 7, 13, 23, 19.

The road to Palm Canyon will turn right into the west fork of Palm Canyon at split rock and then up on the bench, skirting the edge of the canyon and then turning back at the new parking area, thus forming a loop and meeting the main road below split rock. This will form a one-way road in the congested traffic area and will relieve traffic congestion next season. The side roads into Andreas and Murray Canyons will also be paved. This road will cost approximately \$55,000, and the roads around the six sections of Indian lands will cost about \$117,000.

The paving project was originally planned by H. H. Quackenbush, federal officer in charge of the local reservation. The local Indian tribe voted in favor of the improvement and it has been approved by the U. S. Department of Interior. The project will be sponsored by the county of Riverside, which will supply about 20 per cent of the funds if the W. P. A. will supply material and equipment.

The Indians also gave their approval for the right-of-way across the reservation for the new state highway, which will cross diagonally Sections 18, 20, 28 and 36, between Cathedral City and a point near the Chino Creek bridge north of town, thus diverting traffic around Palm Springs. This road should be constructed within the next two years by the state highway department.

Miss Mildred Wenger, Palm Springs police department secretary, visited the beaches over the holidays.

## Blaze Destroys House at Smoke Tree Ranch

Fire Wednesday noon completely destroyed a five-room frame house at Smoke Tree Ranch. The house, which was used to house Smoke Tree employees, got too much headway on the ranch fire fighters and by the time Palm Springs firemen reached the scene the building was almost completely destroyed.

The fire was kept from spreading to adjoining buildings by the work of the Palm Springs firemen and ranch employees. A breeze which threatened for a time to spread the flames to the nearby office of the ranch and other structures died down and streams of water were played on these buildings to keep them from burning also.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Etchison and son, David, returned this week from a vacation which they spent in Lindsey and Los Angeles. David had the misfortune of injuring his hand in a Fourth of July accident.

### CROP SURVEY SHOWS NEED FOR RAIN IN CORN BELT

Washington, July 8.—Weather bureau crop experts reported yesterday that sizzling temperatures over the great plains "have made the need of moisture rather urgent in many places."

"Rain is now needed in nearly all sections from Texas and Eastern New Mexico northward to North Dakota and Montana," the crop survey said. It added "dry weather has increased grasshoppers which were doing heavy damage in some sections."

Rust-plant disease, which has sent speculative grain prices skyward, caused "heavy damage" in parts of the winter wheat belt, and local infections in the spring wheat area, the bureau said. Winter wheat yields were described as "very disappointing" in Indiana and the crop has been hurt in parts of Illinois, northern Missouri and Nebraska.

The weather bureau said the corn crop has made good progress, although rain was needed to stop curling and firing in southwestern parts of the corn belt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Geggie of Palm Springs are residents of Banning for the summer; occupying the Dr. A. D. Wilson home. Mr. Geggie is connected with the Desert Inn staff and makes daily trips from this city to the village.

## All Tunnels Except One Are Finished

Completion of all tunnels on the main section of the Metropolitan aqueduct, with the exception of the San Jacinto tunnel near Banning, was announced Friday.

Progress reports received by F. E. Weymouth, general manager of the Metropolitan Water district, at Los Angeles, showed that a mile of concrete lining in the floor of the East Eagle mountain tunnel was placed during the last seven days.

Located north of Desert Center, and approximately 140 miles east of Riverside, this tunnel is one of 38, totaling 108 miles in length, that form part of the 392-mile aqueduct.

Tunnel construction on the aqueduct was started in December, 1932, and the progress reports received yesterday indicated that 194 miles of the tunnels have now been excavated, and 95 miles of these have been lined with concrete and completed.

The four miles remaining to be excavated lie in the 13-mile San Jacinto tunnel, considered the most difficult and spectacular job on the aqueduct. Work is progressing rapidly on this tunnel and it is expected that it will be completed and have aqueduct water flowing through it in 1939.

Concrete lining work is also in progress in tunnels of the distributing system which are located in the mountains north of Monrovia.

Although open work on the desert sections of the aqueduct has been suspended during the summer, more than 5000 men are directly employed at present. Water district employment records show that more than 33,000 men have been directly employed on the aqueduct since construction was started in 1932.

## Remove Telephone Wires on Palm Canyon Drive

Decision to remove overhead telephone wires along North Palm Canyon Drive this week resulted in the sidewalk on the west side of the street being dug up. Over 1000 feet of four duct tile piping will be laid. The work is being done by E. A. Irish, contractor.

About half of the wires are those of the California Water and Telephone company and the rest belong to the Southern California Telephone Company and are long distance toll wires.



### Sun Spots

(By Carl Barkow)

Some of us remained at home over the Fourth, and were therefore spared to dodge automobiles for a while longer.

The steel fence to be erected on Pasadena's suicide bridge and the net beneath it will not stop suicides. They'll easily find some other convenient place to jump from. Some one has suggested the would-be suicides try crossing Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. We might invite them to follow the trucks on Highway 99 during the winter and spring months. That would bring a lot of additional business to town—therefore we submit the idea to the Chamber of Commerce.

Constant publicizing of Pasadena's suicide bridge has been responsible for most of the deaths of the 90 people who have jumped from the bridge. Every time some sob sister wrote an article that something must be done to stop the jumpers from jumping, the idea was suggested to a few more who otherwise might have chosen some other place. A general invitation to all prospective jumpers to avail themselves of Pasadena's bridge and an admission fee collected from the spectators would probably have stopped the suicides quicker than anything else.

It was the conscience of the killer of three little Inglewood girls, rather than the officers themselves, that brought the arch-fiend into the clutches of the law. Of course the man must be proven guilty before he can be punished, because there is always the possibility of a weak and imaginative mind having snapped under the strain of excitement because of close contact with the victims. There have been cases of men imagining they committed a crime, (Continued On Last Page)

## Veteran Editor of Indio Passes

J. Win Wilson, 25 years publisher of the Date Palm, a weekly newspaper at Indio, died Sunday from a paralytic stroke suffered June 29. Wilson, who was 67 years of age, was a veteran publisher who became noted throughout Southern California as a good roads enthusiast and for his pungent editorials.

He settled in Coachella valley in 1909 after leaving a career as chemist with the United States Steel corporation. He founded the Date Palm in 1912 when Indio had little more than a railroad shop and a single store.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Josephine Wilson, who has been associated with him in the publication of the Date Palm 22 years.

### GOVERNOR SIGNS PALM SPRINGS INCORPORATION

Palm Springs, blocked out like the black squares on a checker-board, can now become an incorporated municipality of the sixth class.

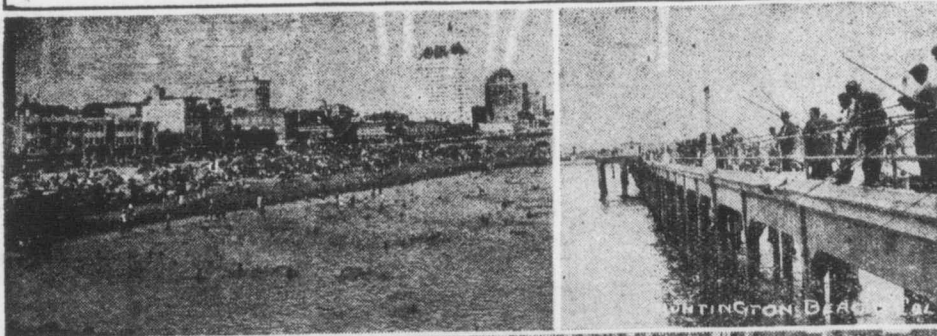
When Governor Merriam signed Friday the three senate bills originally introduced by Senator John Phillips, all previous legal obstacles to the incorporation of the desert resort were removed.

The bills, numbered 1028, 286 and 1114, primarily define areas which corners touch as contiguous territory. This permits sections of land, otherwise made inaccessible by the presence of alternate sections of federal Indian lands, to be included in the proposed incorporated city.

Leading residents of Palm Springs have expressed the hope that the first of the next year will find all arrangements completed and the city fully installed as a separate political unit.

Miss Gladys McClure and her mother will spend the summer in Riverside.

## Southland Beaches Lure Many Vacationists



Above are shown a view from Long Beach's famous Rainbow Pier, also Fisherman's Pier at Huntington Beach; while in the center is a partial view of the world's largest indoor warm salt water plunge at Redondo Beach; at the right, Santa Monica's fine bathing beach draws many surf and sand enthusiasts. Many Palm Springs winter residents and visitors are to be found during the summer at these and other beaches in Southern California.

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### OLD NEWSPAPER WITH ACCOUNT OF WILLIE BOY

Barton de Crevecoeur this week found a copy of the Los Angeles Record, dated Oct. 16, 1909, which contained an account of the tragedy in which Willie Boy killed Mike Boniface, abducted and killed Mike's daughter, Esoleta Boniface and then killed himself. The paper contains pictures of Ben de Crevecoeur, who found Willie Boy's body; the sheriff's posse; Esoleta and Willie Boy.

The story relates that after dark on September 27, 1909, Willie Boy crept up on old Mike and sent a bullet crashing through his head. From that time until ten days later, when Willie Boy killed himself, he covered over 600 miles of mountain country, showing endurance that had never been heard of among the Indians of that section. After killing Mike, Willie Boy forced Esoleta, 15, to dress and accompany him in his flight from the country. The first night they covered about 14 miles, going near the White-water ranch. From there the long chase started. Beating and kicking the girl, clubbing her with the butt end of his gun, and mistreating her horribly, the murderer forced her to cover 160 miles of the country and then shot her through the back when she was unable to keep up with him.

Miss Kathryn Henderson, secretary to Raymond Cree this season, left last week for the summer months.

### Banning Theatre

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FEATURE



News Mickey Mouse Cartoon



Also "YOU CAN'T BEAT LOVE"  
with Preston Foster



Also "BIG BUSINESS"  
with The Jones Family

### STATE OFFICIALS DETERMINED TO REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In a determined state-wide attack against the rising tide of traffic deaths and accidents, officers of the California Highway Patrol have been ordered to tighten up on speeders and reckless drivers.

Governor Frank F. Merriam has given his unqualified support of the orders issued by Chief E. Raymond Cato, to the state-wide army of traffic officers, who will stop all violators of the state speed limit.

Especially attention is to be given reckless drivers and arrests will be made of all persons who operate their cars in a reckless manner endangering others.

This drastic step to slow down traffic on California's highways to a safer and more reasonable speed came after reports were received showing that for the first four months of 1937 there were 11,755 traffic accidents in California, an increase of 1,056 over the same period a year ago. Death for the same period totaled 956 for 1937, an increase of 79 over 1936, while 15,722 persons were injured in 1937, an increase of 1,573 over the same four-month period a year ago.

"Motorists should adhere strictly to state speed laws and drive with more caution," said Governor Merriam. "I most heartily subscribe to the efforts of Chief Cato and the officers of the California Highway Patrol to curb speeding and reckless driving upon our highways."

In issuing the general order, Chief Cato declared that statistics conclusively proved that excessive speed and reckless driving was the principal cause in a majority of cases where persons were killed.

"In an effort to increase highway safety, it is imperative that officers immediately show an increased activity in enforcement," said Chief Cato in his order. "There must be a reduction in the maximum speeds on the highway."

"While the state speed limit is 45 miles per hour, officers will allow an additional five miles per hour for a possible error in speed check."

"This, I am sure, will assure both the courts before whom the offender may be taken and the motoring public

that our sole purpose is to stop speeding and reckless driving."

"Where the evidence warrants officers will issue a 'Notice to Appear'; otherwise, if a 'Warning Notice' is sufficient in the judgment of the officer, issue same and forward a copy to Sacramento for filing for future reference with the Bureau of Operator's Licenses."

### SANTA ANA FEELS LIGHT EARTHQUAKE; REPORT NO DAMAGE

A sharp earth tremor jarred buildings in Santa Ana early Tuesday but no damage was reported. The tremor was the latest of several minor earthquake shocks reported in Southern California communities recently.

Pictures danced on the walls, dishes rattled in cupboards of Santa Ana homes when the tremor was felt at 3:15 a. m., but most residents of the community slept through the slight jar.

### TAPS FOR TAYLOR WALKER

Taylor Walker, a Negro bootblack, died at his home in Sacramento last week. But why, you may wonder is Taylor Walker's death worthy of editorial comment at a time when the world is rocked by events of international consequence? There are many reasons, but one will suffice: Taylor Walker brought dignity to a humble calling; he shined men's shoes, but won their respect and friendship. For many decades, California's governors—Gillett, Pardee, Hiram Johnson, Stephens, Richardson, Young, Rolph and Merriam—had been patrons of Taylor Walker's little boot-black stand. Several presidents of the United States, when they visited California, called on Taylor for a shine and came away smiling over the kindly philosophy and the political sagacity of the old Negro oracle.

At "10 cents a shine," Taylor Walker didn't make a fortune, but he lived comfortably in a good home; he was the idol of Sacramento's Negroes, young and old, and the friend of men who ruled the destinies of his state. He not only shined shoes, but made life shine for the wayfarer. He was good at his trade, humble as it was, and he had mastered the art of useful living. We can gainsay Taylor Walker's claim to fame?—Riverside News.

### "A Day at the Races" Brings the Marx Brothers to Banning Theatre Screen Sunday In the Dizziest, Daffiest Comedy of the Year



HARPO, GROUCHO, CHICO

"A Day at the Races" brings the Marx Brothers—Groucho, Harpo and Chico—to the Banning Theatre screen starting Sunday in what is described as the maddest, merriest, most amusing piece of Marxmania that these inimitable comedians have ever delivered to an expectant public.

The new picture boasts a stellar cast of supporting names, including Maureen O'Sullivan in the feminine lead, and Allan Jones, who sings several new song hits, Margaret Dumont, Leonard Ceeley, Douglass Dumbrille, Charles Trowbridge, Esther Muir, Sigfried Rumann and Robert Middlemass.

The plot of "A Day at the Races," which shifts from a sanitarium to a race track, introduces Groucho Marx as "Dr. Hugo Z. Hackenbush," a horse doctor who takes charge of the sanitarium. Harpo Marx is seen as a jockey, and Chico as a race-track frequenter who sells good ice cream and bum tips on the races. Miss O'Sullivan plays the girl who is trying to keep the deep-eyed villain, Douglass Dumbrille, from foreclosing on her sanitarium. Jones plays the struggling singer who owns a race horse. Miss Dumont, enacting the type who likes to talk about her operations, is all for Groucho because he has told her that she has double blood pressure. Esther Muir is the slinky vampire who tries to "frame" Groucho but who gets pasted to the wall by Harpo and Chico, posing as paper-hangers.

The picture has a novel and glamorous production sequence. This takes place at a water carnival with the audience seated on floating rafts. There

are scantily-clad girls around a fountain stage, the curtain for which is a natural water spray. Allan Jones sings from a barge and the Marx Brothers indulge in Marxmania throughout.

And, of course, Chico plays the piano and Harpo does a harp number—with a bit of piano playing of his own thrown in.

On top of comedy and production comes thrills and excitement as the picture ends in a steeple-chase race in which Allan Jones' horse must win. And even a race victory is achieved in a novel and typical Marxian manner.

Also "Slim," a thrilling story of high tension line workers. Its excellent cast includes Pat O'Brien, Henry



Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay

Fonda, Margaret Lindsay, Steart Erwin and J. Farrell MacDonald. Fox Super News and a Walt Disney Mickey Mouse cartoon, "Magician Mickey," complete the program.

### Blame Barkow For This

(By Tom Hughes)

Probably as a backfire from his recent orgy of mountaineering Carl Barkow springs the suggestion that high-minded perusers of The Record might like to read about some of the outstanding mountains of North America. At that, it's a sort of cool subject for hot weather.

Well, beginning at home, it hurts our patriotic pride to have to take last place as growers of American mountains. Our three-score peaks over 14,000 feet, however, together with our hundreds that are over 13,000 feet, make no mean spectacle.

All the truly great U. S. masses are found on the Pacific slope. California heads the other states in altitude extremes. It is higher than Colorado and lower than Florida. The south half of California contains more perpendicular scenery than any other whole state.

Colorado possesses not one first-magnitude mountain. Most of her summits are little more than final upward thrusts of high plateaus. Her most famous twin peaks were dubbed by the Indians "The Ant Hills." Yet Colorado is really better off without an overawing mountain, for her ranges are laid out in sweeping panoramas that satisfy the eye and heart of the nature lover.

Wyoming has her Tetons, heaving the ruggedest bit of U. S. skyline. Montana claims 10 piercing peaks, all in Glacier Park. Idaho has nothing to brag about. Utah offers one of the country's finest escarpments, the Wasatch. Nevada rises grandly to meet the California border among the Esmeralda summits.

Every peak in Arizona has been sculptured out of the living rock, and each morning and evening all are painted afresh with royal purple. San Francisco mountain, pride of the state, is great only because it has no competitor for hundreds of miles. New Mexico's Truchas is lofty enough, but lacks distinction. El Capitan, lordling it over western Texas, is a landmark far and wide.

Our own local cluster is unbeatable in this country. Baldy, San Bernardino, Greyback, San Jacinto—four giants in their own right, standing within hailing distance of one another, each one shouldering our highway and casting its shadow across our very backyard.

The High Sierra is one of the great ranges of the world. For 200 miles it rises to heights that confute the winds of heaven. Hundreds of icy lakes twinkle along its crest. Glaciers, ice fields, snow streamers, lawines, all the customary Alpine accessories. Whitney, although loftiest by a few dozen feet, is not the greatest of the Sierra summits. Williamson beats it in stature, as does also White Mountain peak to the northeast. There is an unnamed summit in the Inyo range that shames them all for abrupt rise. Then Telescope peak, off in the shimmering Panamints, gives San Jacinto a close race on points.

Shasta is, of course, California's premier mountain. She stands there above the dark green foothills, a white Madonna shining in her drapery of snows. From her breast gushes a crystal river full-born.

She is one of the "Big Six," the others being Hood, in Oregon, and St. Helens, Adams, Tacoma, Baker, all in Washington. The least of these volcanic cones quite eclipses any of our faulted or folded mountains. Hood has been called the most beautiful. St. Helens in winter dress looks exactly like a huge cone of ice cream. Adams is higher but seems to radiate an inferiority complex. Baker, up in our northwest corner, is very bulky and very tall on one side.

But Tacoma, "The White Heap, Home of the Great Spirit," is truly monarch of our United States mountains. Its 28 glaciers form a larger glacial area than can be found in all the rest of the nation together. One of them slips 10,000 feet down the mountainside ere it melts to form the singing Puyallup. (About the gravest historical crime, by the way, is to refer to this noble pile as Rainier. Here is a subject that merits a book in itself.)

Mexico beats us badly with her Orizaba and Popocatepetl, both of them wearing snow mantillas under the ardent tropic sun. Popo dominates the whole east-central region of the Republic as Fuji dominates Japan.

Robson, in Canada's Jasper Park, remains unclimbed on its sheer side, and perhaps always will, since that is the greatest precipice south of the Yukon country. And yet (you asked for it, Carl) the Canadian Rockies are anything but high. All their other peaks are lower than Robson, and we have lakes here in the High Sierras that would wash the frost off Robson's brow. The Canadians' bid for fame comes from ancient snow fields and



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jeweled tarns and classic architecture.

Still heading north, we come upon a number of masses, such as Fairweather, King, Lucania, Bear, Wood, that outtop anything we possess locally. St. Elias, Wrangel, Logan equal and beat the Mexican volcanoes. St. Elias is steep and tall, Wrangel is taller, Logan is steeper and yet taller and unbelievably large. The four cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Redlands, and Riverside could lie spread out upon its seven summits.

North America's apex rises in the white hinterland of Alaska. This Mt. McKinley boasts the world's greatest climb above snowline. From one of its footings the mountain rises 18,000 feet in 13 miles (just twice as high as Greyback is above Banning), against Logan's lift of 14,000 feet in six miles. It is less steep than Logan, and a bare 450 feet higher above sea level. The Logan massif excels as to bulk and contour and impressiveness. It may fairly be called the greatest summit in North America. In fact, we might be safe in taking in another continent, and calling Mt. Logan the monarch mountain of the Western Hemisphere.

### THE LEGION ON PARADE!

(By Thomas J. Riordan, State Commander American Legion)

The Legion is neither a strike nor a strike-breaking organization!

Employer-employee antagonisms may flare; divergent convictions may rack whole communities, and pitched battles rage in the strike-beleaguered areas. But the Legion, as an organization, will continue to observe a rule of strict non-partisanship.

As on any vital public question, members of the American Legion, as well as members of every other conceivable organization, undoubtedly will be found in either camp in the labor controversy, for the American way of life and liberty entitles every man to his own convictions. But the Legion, as an organization, has no place in the picture on either one side or the other. By the same token, a member of the Legion may take part in such disputes only as an individual citizen—never as a representative of the American Legion.

That point is established beyond any doubt in the organization's own constitution. And it was recently reiterated by National Commander Harry W. Colmery, after announcements appeared in strike storm-centers indicating that American Legionnaires were to be mobilized as vigilantes.

Commander Colmery pointed out that the name of the organization must not be injected into industrial skirmishes; that a Legionnaire may use neither the name nor the uniform of his organization—nor any other insignia or regalia which would indicate Legion sanction to his course of action in such disputes.

A Legionnaire may be deputized in times of stress, in the same manner and on the same basis as any other citizen. But his membership in the Legion grants him no extraordinary authorization beyond that of any other

citizen, in the exercise of whatever powers and duties may be conferred upon him by the duly constituted representatives of the law.

In labor matters, the Legion's policy remains one of strictest neutrality. Regardless of the individual views of its membership—totalling, by the way, nearly a million—the organization holds no brief for any group or faction involved.

Unequivocally, its watchword in any dispute is: "Hands off!"

### NOT SURPRISING

A careful driver approached a railroad; he stopped, looked and listened. All he heard was the woman driver behind him crashing into his gas tank. —Southern Lumber Journal.

### FOR THE BETTER

One of the interesting changes is that Congress is preparing a rubber stamp that prints "No" every now and then, anyhow. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Communion Services will be conducted on Sunday in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon is "Sacrament" and the Golden Text is from Revelation: "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? . . . These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The Lesson-Sermon includes these words of Jesus, from Matthew: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. . . . Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. . . . Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

One of the correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, referring to Jesus, states: "Obeying his precious precepts, following his demonstration so far as we apprehend it,—we drink of his cup, partake of his bread, are baptized with his purity; and at last we shall rest, sit down with him, in a full understanding of the divine Principle which triumphs over death."

### LOTS and ACRES RESIDENTIAL and BUSINESS RENTALS

Fire Insurance

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"The long-awaited oiling of the nine miles of open road in Yucca Valley will soon be under way, according to County Highway Commissioner Howard Way and Superintendent Ralph Motherspaw. The superintendent was in Twenty-Nine Palms early this week and made known the department is getting ready to start the oiling of this stretch next week.

"Motherspaw said the equipment would be on the job Tuesday morning and that they would start the pouring of the oil from the Twenty-Nine Palms end of the open section, which is nine miles in all.

"The superintendent said they have oil enough on hand for about four miles of road, and as soon as that is finished they would transfer the equipment to Twenty-Nine Palms and start the pouring of oil on the roads in this community for which money was raised by popular subscription.

"They have ordered oil for what will be the remaining five miles in the Yucca Valley district and anticipate it will be ready when they finish the Twenty-Nine Palms work. The oiling is a PWA project.

"The first road to be oiled here will be the three miles running to the north from the postoffice, the money for the oil being raised by residents in that section as well as business men and civic-minded citizens throughout the community. The county highway department has agreed to furnish the labor and equipment to complete the work.

"Other sections of oil-mix will be poured here in various parts of the community under the same conditions, the individuals bordering the road to furnish the money for the oil and the county doing the work of making the road.

"The open section between the good paving leading into Twenty-Nine Palms has always been a draw-back toward more rapid development of this area, as many motorists who wanted to visit here were reluctant to do so because of the rough road and their inexperience at desert driving.

"With the completion of this paving it will make Twenty-Nine Palms and the entrance to the Joshua Tree National Monument accessible by a good road the entire distance from the major highway, No. 99, and when this becomes generally known a tremendous increase in travel to this popular section is bound to follow. Twenty-Nine Palms is already receiving much favorable publicity as a sightseeing and resort spot and with a good artery as an inlet the motoring public will soon 'find' the way here, which in turn will make for development."

"MARCH OF TIME" AT  
BANNING THEATRE NOW

"U. S. Dust Bowl," an excellent dramatization of a vital national problem and one of three arresting episodes in the new "March of Time" opening tonight at the Banning Theatre, tells the story of soil erosion in the Southwest in a manner which marks it as a documentary film of pronounced value, sometimes shocking and always engrossing. In addition, this month's issue presents a story on the world famous Seeing Eye guide-dogs for the blind and a detailed discussion of Poland's precarious position in current European affairs.

It wouldn't hurt any if the colleges would work their way through some of the students.—Montreal Herald.

## EYE OPENERS --- by Bob Crosby



In former days, barbers practiced bleeding and leeching, hence the meaning attached to the red and white stripes on their barber poles.

Lady birds have been bred commercially to successfully fight the

destructive mealy bug. Necessary to the breeding of the lady bird in large Los Angeles County insectaries, is the exact temperature control possible with natural gas. This is one of the less known uses for this versatile fuel that serves both industry and the home.

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COUNTY ASSESSED  
VALUATION SHOWS  
\$3,073,000 RISE

Riverside county's realty valuation showed a continued uptrend yesterday when 1937 assessment rolls as compiled by George V. Claytor, county assessor, and presented to the board of supervisors showed an increase of \$3,073,000 over the 1936 valuation.

Total net assessed valuation for this year was placed at \$73,115,400 as compared with \$70,042,400 for 1936, Claytor declared.

"There has been no general increase in assessments, although in some instances increases have been made in order to equalize valuations. In spite of several communities showing a decline in assessed valuations, and several parts of the county receiving reductions because of decline due to flood and other conditions, the county as a whole reflects a splendid improvement," Claytor said.

Valuations of public utility property are not known as yet, as this portion of the assessment roll is prepared by the state board of equalization and is not delivered until the early part of August.

Property exempt from taxation in the county because it is held by a war veteran or is used for religious worship has a total assessed valuation of \$1,952,900, an increase of \$75,990 over last year's exemption list.

Every category of valuation showed an increase over 1936, Claytor's figures showed. Valuation of lands rose from \$38,336,200 to \$39,290,590. Improvements showed a boost to \$25,047,310 from \$23,170,980. Valuation of trees, vines and alfalfa was placed at \$5,797,580 as contrasted with \$5,741,140 the preceding period. Personal property increased from \$4,648,760 to \$4,908,170 and money rose to \$24,750 from \$18,230.

Insofar as the assessor's work for the year is concerned, it was completed when he delivered the rolls to the board of supervisors, sitting as a board of equalization, Monday. Taxpayers who desire to examine the assessment books are permitted to do so. For a period of two weeks, ending with the meeting of June 19, taxpayers have a right to examine their assessments and appear before the board of supervisors for any necessary adjustment of values.

HOPPERS THREATEN  
KANSAS, NEBRASKA

The grasshopper hordes, which have denuded 22,000 square miles of farm lands in eastern Colorado, are now taking wing, and it was believed they might fly into Kansas and Nebraska.

The hoppers can fly great distances, usually moving with the wind, and the green fields in the adjoining states likely will attract them, now that they have eaten all vegetation in the area to which they were confined by the state's quick action in surrounding them with poison mash.

In northeastern New Mexico, near Clayton, thousands of pounds of poison mash was set out to kill the hoppers. They were appearing in great numbers, but apparently the result of a late egg hatch and not a migration from Colorado.

INDIAN AFFAIRS IN  
CONGRESS

(Stella von Bulow)

California Indians are making history in Washington, D. C., this week. Warring factions have laid aside the tomahawks and have met together amicably in conference with the Big White Chief, Commissioner Collier, and have submitted a joint written recommendation, signed by all, to the Indian Affairs Committees in both houses. The report agreed upon the following amendments to their present Jurisdictional Act:

1st—That all Indian children born since March 18, 1928, be added to the roll of beneficiaries.

2nd—That the obnoxious clause in the old act denying per capita payments to Indians be stricken from the Act.

3rd—That the Court accept old maps, records and reports of the government and of the Smithsonian Institution as sufficient proofs of tribes and tribal boundaries instead of requiring testimony of old Indians, most of whom are dead.

4th—That the petitions in the Court of Claims may be amended to include the new set up.

5th—That a new roll be taken after judgment, including all California Indians living on the date of judgment.

The California Indian Right Association, Inc., with headquarters at Los Angeles, is given credit for the first two things mentioned above. They were the only group advocating those two amendments. The Mission Federation, of Southern California, and the Indians of California, Inc., of Northern California, were demanding a doubling of the award provided in the old act, by adding claims of non-treaty Indians. They were allowed to submit two proposed new formulas covering these demands. The California Indian Rights Association submitted two formulas tabling the old award. All four formulas were approved by the commission and the committees were told each group would present its arguments in writing, in favor of the formula it supported. The committees were further told that all groups would be good sports and accept the formula recommended by them. Bravo! Hurrah! and a lusty war whoop! Memory of man runneth not to a time when such a meeting of minds has been reached by warring tribesmen and tribeswomen, for it must be known that two of the delegates were Indian women. There is now reason to believe a bill will be reported out and made law at this session. There may still be a Red Man's Santa Claus—Congressmen Sheppard and McGroarty in the House and Senator Thomas in the Senate are handling the bills for the Indians.

JUST THINK  
University of Notre Dame professor says light rays from the stars tire before they reach the earth. What would they feel like if they had to stay there?—San Francisco Chronicle.

The military rulers of Japan were defeated in the recent election, but they have not resigned. They think it's better to ignore the whole matter, as if it were a Digest poll.—New Yorker.

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"DARKEST UNITED STATES"  
SOON TO BE EXPLORED

Prominent on the list of new corporations in California is the American Exploration Society, a non-profit organization which is the product of one man's hobby and another's suggestion.

For ten years Ansel F. Hall, former chief of the field division of education in the National Park Service, has been organizing selected groups and guiding them on camping and sightseeing trips. Some of these took him and his charges as far as Central America and Palestine.

In 1933, at the suggestion of Robert Sibley, executive manager of the California Alumni Association, he began organizing cooperative surveying and exploring parties to explore the northern Navajo country in Arizona and Utah, one of the least-known regions in the United States. It was to further this work that the American Exploration Society has been formed.

This year a party of sixty men will form the fifth consecutive party to go into this region under the general direction of Hall. The men will carry on toward completion a large-scale map of the intricate red-walled canyons of the Rainbow Plateau, search Navajo Mountain, a 10,400 foot peak which rises sheer from the floor of the desert, explore the side canyons of the San Juan river which is a little known tributary of the Colorado, and excavate in a promising ruin on Black Mesa. Part of the summer will also be spent in famous Monument Valley. Among the trustees of the corporation are Ansel F. Hall, president; Robert Sibley, vice-president; Francis P. Farquhar, treasurer; Tracy R. Kelley, secretary; and Knowles A. Ryerson, director of the Davis branch of the College of Agriculture of the University of California. Professor Ralph Beals of the University of California at Los Angeles will be in charge of the archaeological research on the expedition.

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It is amazing that Washington would consider felling the famed cherry trees to put in a marble memorial, as the spot is ideal for a parking lot.—Detroit News.

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| Cash on Hand and in Banks                                                                                         | \$ 5,775.26 |
| Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Los Angeles                                                                    | 3,600.00    |
| Loans Secured by First Trust Deeds (On improved Real Property—Repayable Monthly Over Period of Ten Years or Less) | 223,614.25  |
| Loans Secured by Our Own Certificates                                                                             | 325.00      |
| Contracts of Sale of Real Estate                                                                                  | 7,744.95    |
| Interest Earned But Uncollected—Loans and Contracts                                                               | 1,116.32    |
| Office Premises—Net                                                                                               | 6,106.63    |
| Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Net                                                                             | 424.06      |
| Property Acquired in Reversion—Net                                                                                | 6,860.19    |
| Other Assets                                                                                                      | 560.28      |

TOTAL ASSET \$256,126.94

## LIABILITIES

|                                                                                                               |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Accounts Payable (Including money to be disbursed on loans as buildings progress in the amount of \$7,907.27) | \$ 10,960.25 |
| Borrowings—Federal Home Loan Bank of Los Angeles (Repayable in equal installments over a ten-year period)     | 17,696.25    |
| Investment Certificates                                                                                       | 152,170.17   |
| Reserves and Undivided Profits                                                                                | 22,800.27    |
| Paid In Surplus                                                                                               | 2,500.00     |
| Paid In Guarantee Capital Stock                                                                               | 50,000.00    |

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### CLOSING LAWS SAID ILLEGAL

Ruling that ordinances to enforce closing hours on retail stores are "arbitrary and discriminatory," a California third district court ruling last week dealt a blow to groups in several parts of the state planning to initiate shorter working hours for clerks. The case covered Lodi, but San Bernardino and other cities which have been considering ordinances, are affected.

The city in the San Joaquin valley was opposed in its attempts to force a certain chain store to close at 7 p. m. and to remain closed on Sundays. The ordinance had been adopted "as a safeguard to public health by regulating the hours of certain businesses within the city."

The superior court of the county upheld the ordinance, but a reversal was given by the district court.

### WOULD BE EASIER

The Lindbergs would help European reporters a lot if every time they hopped they left word whether they were going to land secretly or get lost.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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## Sun Spots

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confessed to the same, but were later proven innocent by the court. If the confessor of the triple-murder is proven guilty, there will probably be plenty of sob sisters and attorneys seeking publicity who will try to save him from the lethal chamber on the grounds that he is insane. Of course, any person committing such a crime isn't in his right mind, but my sentiments are that such a criminal should be put out of the way for all time.

Are Amelia Earhart and Frederick J. Noonan alive on a coral reef in the South Pacific, and will they be found? That question is foremost in the minds of millions throughout the civilized world. It appears that something happened to Noonan, the navigator, when the plane came down, for Miss Earhart seems to be unable to give her exact position, which makes the task of finding the missing flyers much more difficult. Noonan is the foremost aerial navigator of the world, and with their radio working, he would direct the searchers.

Death has taken two of the pioneer newspaper men of Riverside and San Bernardino counties during the past few days, each having operated a newspaper in his town for more than 25 years. Herbert A. Hargraves, advertising manager and mechanical superintendent of the Redlands Facts for the past 46 years died Thursday evening; and J. Win Wilson, editor and publisher of the Indio Date Palm for more than 25 years, succumbed Sunday. Both of these men were leaders in their communities, and were especially popular in the newspaper fraternity. I had known them for about a quarter century, and therefore join with the other newspaper men of the state in bidding farewell to two good friends who served well their home towns and were an inspiration to their fellow workers.

July 4th I had an opportunity to take time off to read two books, received as gifts a few days before from the authors. One was "Meet The King" by Herbert G. Moody, Redding newspaper editor who was a member of our recent California newspaper men's jaunt into Canada. The other was "The Power of Print—and Men" by Thomas Drier.

Herbert Moody, who had served in the World War in France, was a member of the Second American Expeditionary Force when the American Legion celebrated its 10th anniversary with a convention at Paris in 1927, and he was chosen as a member of the group which was "to visit semi-diplomatically the countries of Europe allied in the late war." Consequently he was received by the kings and queens, the Pope and Mussolini. In a humorous vein he tells the things that actually happened on that European tour which were not reported in the American newspapers. After waiting three years for some historian to present a record of this second expedition, Mr. Moody decided to perform the task himself, and he did it well, with the result that the first edition is exhausted and he declares it will not be reprinted. After recounting the actions and reactions of the Americans and their European hosts, he comes to the conclusion that "Americans should appropriate more of the good things that are in Europe." \* \* \* that "the present run of tourists to Europe is of no help except to fatten foreign pocket-books." \* \* \* and that "the situation undoubtedly would be improved if our rubbernecks should stay away for two or three years."

Every editor, printer and publisher should read "The Power of Print—and Men" for it is the history of the indispensable linotype machine commemorating fifty years of linotype's contribution to printing and publishing. In fact, any person interested in the advancement of American industry would be fascinated by this book, which was written by Mr. Drier after a number of years of research. It explodes the erroneous rumor that Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the first linotype, died a pauper in an asylum, but rather proves that he and his heirs received more than

a million and a half dollars in royalties. The pioneers in the Linotype Company spent several million dollars before they had a satisfactory machine. It cost \$300,000 to manufacture the first 200 machines which sold for \$160,000.

Such well-known national characters as Phillip T. Dodge, president of the company, James O. Clephane, C. T. Moore, E. V. Murphy, Andrew Devine, D. O. Mills and his son Ogden Mills, Stilson Hutchins of the Washington Post, Whitelaw Reid of the New York Tribune, Victor Lawson and Melville Stone of the Chicago Daily News, W. N. Haldeman of the Louisville Courier-Journal, Henry Smith of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, W. H. Rand of Rand McNally & Co., and others, 50 years ago decided that there would have to be a method devised to set type mechanically so that larger and better newspapers and books could be produced more rapidly and they engaged a young German mechanic of Baltimore, by the name of Mergenthaler, to develop such a machine. These men supplied the funds, Mergenthaler developed the idea, and hundreds of other inventors have added improvements which have resulted in a machine which to this day is one of the marvels of the world.

I just had the pleasure of scanning the proof of an article submitted by Tom Hughes for today's issue of this newspaper. I am glad Tom is keeping the record straight by correcting an erroneous statement made in this column a week ago and is giving the public some accurate and interesting information about the mountains of the west coast (the most fascinating feature we have to offer) even if he is taking a little of the joy out of my spending five years' savings to see the "highest peak on the continent" in Canada. Tom is an historian who must stick to the facts, while I am only a reporter who believes what the tourist agents tell him. However, I am happy to learn that the highest peaks and the lowest-down places are in California, although I learned long ago that we have the most picturesque mountains. Tom, I had the chills so badly I could see two mountains when I looked at Mt. Robson, and I couldn't bend my head back far enough to see the top of it, so I just imagined it was higher than it really is, and I was still too sick to remember my geography when I wrote about it.

## Building-Loan Association Has Money Available

The financial statement of the San Geronimo Building-Loan Association published in this issue, shows the organization to be in exceptionally good condition. In fact the state building and loan commissioner, Louis Drapeau, recently told a reporter of this newspaper that the Banning association is one of the best in the state.

The association is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Los Angeles, and recently borrowed \$17,700 for local construction at a very low rate of interest from that bank, which is amortized just as any loans made by the association are amortized, and consequently is not callable. The association has a potential borrowing power from the Federal Home Loan Bank of \$43,200 on its present stock, which means it can still borrow \$25,000, and it also has the privilege of purchasing more stock if it desires to borrow more.

This money is reloaned in amortized loans for home construction, on good security, at a very reasonable rate of interest. Thus there is sufficient money on hand for construction in this area.

The association pays four per cent interest, and will accept amounts from \$1 to \$5,000.

Delinquent interest on construction loans has been reduced \$15,000 during the past year, and only \$1,116 is thus outstanding at the present time, which, although it is technically delinquent is not yet due because the buildings have not been completed.

The association is seeking good loans and is doing its utmost to make it possible for people to own their own homes in this area.

A London critic says that the typical poem in free verse looks like a laundry list. Still there are differences. One understands a laundry list.—Montreal Herald.

## The Naturalist

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name for this mountain, but it may be that its huge towering bulk reminded someone of the Amazons.

The season of cloudbursts on the high plateau above the canyon is during July and August, during which time waterfalls of immense height gush forth from the perched valleys and the Virgin River roars its way down the canyon. It is torrential waters from cloudbursts that have been largely responsible for the cutting of Zion Canyon.

Our visit here has been quite pleasant; the days have been warm and the nights cool. During the early evening a breeze springs up that increases to a fair wind during the night and early morning hours. Mountain ash, maple and cottonwood trees shade much of the valley floor. By the time the sun is fairly over the canyon, sitting in the shade of the trees is a most pleasant pastime. If one cares to hike he confines his exertion to the shade of the eastern cliffs in the morning and to the western cliffs in the afternoon; in the evening, at the lodge, colored motion pictures of Zion Canyon are shown, followed by an illustrated talk by a Ranger-Naturalist, which is followed by a program of an hour or so of music and dancing by hotel employees, college students, chosen for their ability to entertain.

At nine in the morning and three fifteen in the afternoon a Ranger-Naturalist conducts a hike from the Temple of Sinawava to the Narrows, a distance of about one mile. I have been on many such hikes in the various national parks and national monuments and believe this to be the most interesting I have ever taken. At certain times of the year when the flow of water in the river is small it is possible to hike up to the Narrows, although this is sure to involve wet feet and clothing. Here the valley narrows to a mere slit in the mountain, the bottom of which is just a few feet wide and as one looks upward it appears that the top of the canyon is little wider than the bottom.

### TOURIST DOLLARS ROLL INTO CALIFORNIA

California's yearly harvest of golden tourist dollars will be greater in the future than ever before, Don Thomas, managing-director of the All-Year Club, predicted today after Gov. Frank F. Merriam signed the Williamson bill. Pointing out the Williamson bill will allow wealthy visitors to remain here nine instead of six months before they are subject to the state income tax, Thomas said:

"At present, wealthy visitors time their stay to six months and move East just ahead of the income tax deadline.

"Men of this stamp are heavy spenders and adding three months to the possible length of their California stay means just that many more millions poured into the channels of trade here."

The All-Year Club is the area's official tourist attracting organization.

### GAMBLING CLUB SOON CLOSED

Club Arrowhead, near Sky Forest, in the San Bernardino mountains, which started out to be an exclusive gambling resort, lasted but a short time. It opened Saturday night and was closed by officers Monday. Five Los Angeles men were arrested.

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### LOST MINE REDISCOVERED

After 156 years, the famed Lost Padre gold mine is reported to have been rediscovered on the desert northwest of Yuma by Kenneth Holmes and Ed Nicholson, mining operators, who became interested in the legend of the mine. Aided by a sheepskin on which a crude map of the mine's underground workings was drawn, procured

from a priest in San Francisco, they found the mine and leased the property from the owners. A cyanide and 50-ton mill have been erected near the mine.

### TAKE SEVERAL

One swallow doesn't make a spring, but several of them are good for a fall.—Stewart-Warnerite.

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